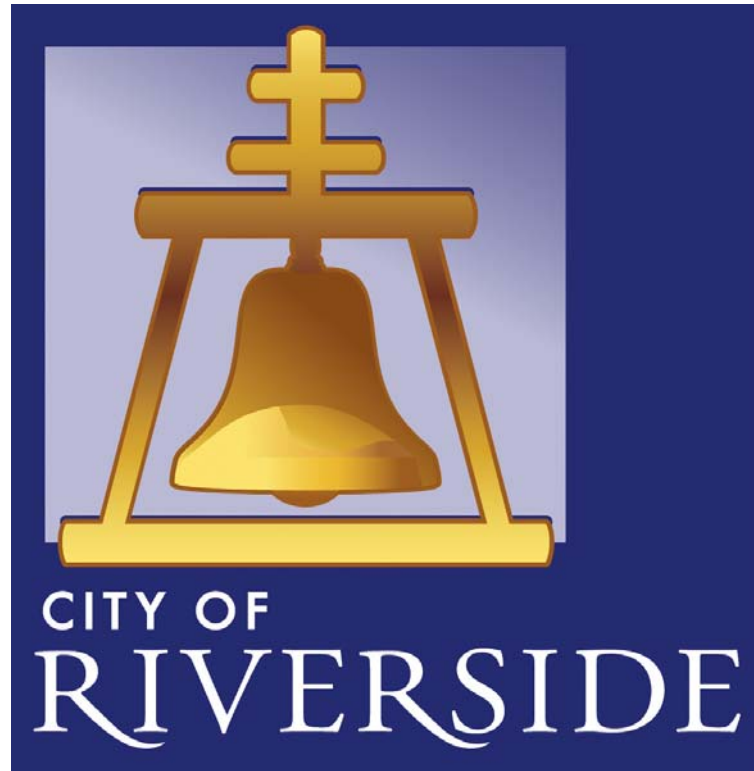


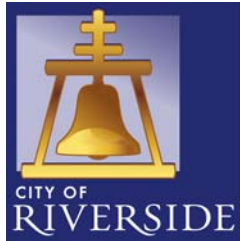
Make it Happen! Planning Your First Neighborhood Meeting



DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Housing and Neighborhoods Division

May 31, 2008

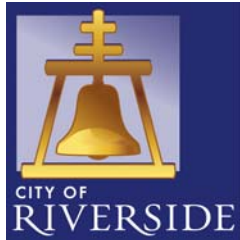


Introductions

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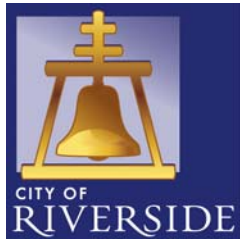
- Eva Yakutis, Housing and Neighborhoods Manager
- Taffi Romero, RNP Chair
- Erin Snyder, RNP Vice Chair
- Christina Duran, RNP member
- Nancy Sturmer, RNP member

What neighborhood do you live in?



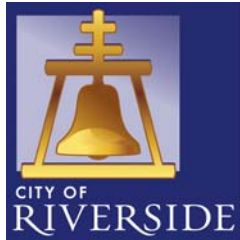
GOAL OF WORKSHOP

- Review Toolkit
- Why Organize?
- Good Models
- Teach the Basics of Neighborhood Organizing
- Plan Your First Meeting!
 - worksheet



Questions?

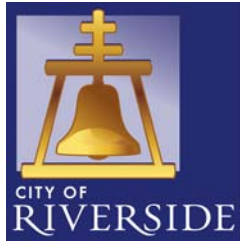




Review of Toolkit

- Purpose
- City Info
 - Mayor, Council, Map, Facts, Programs
- Organizing 101 – pg 11
- Getting Started – pg 13
- Effective meetings – pg 22
- Other good stuff!
- Neighborhood Org. Registration Form

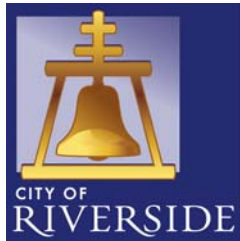




What is a neighborhood organization?

- Group of two or more neighbors working together for good of the neighborhood (Place-based group)



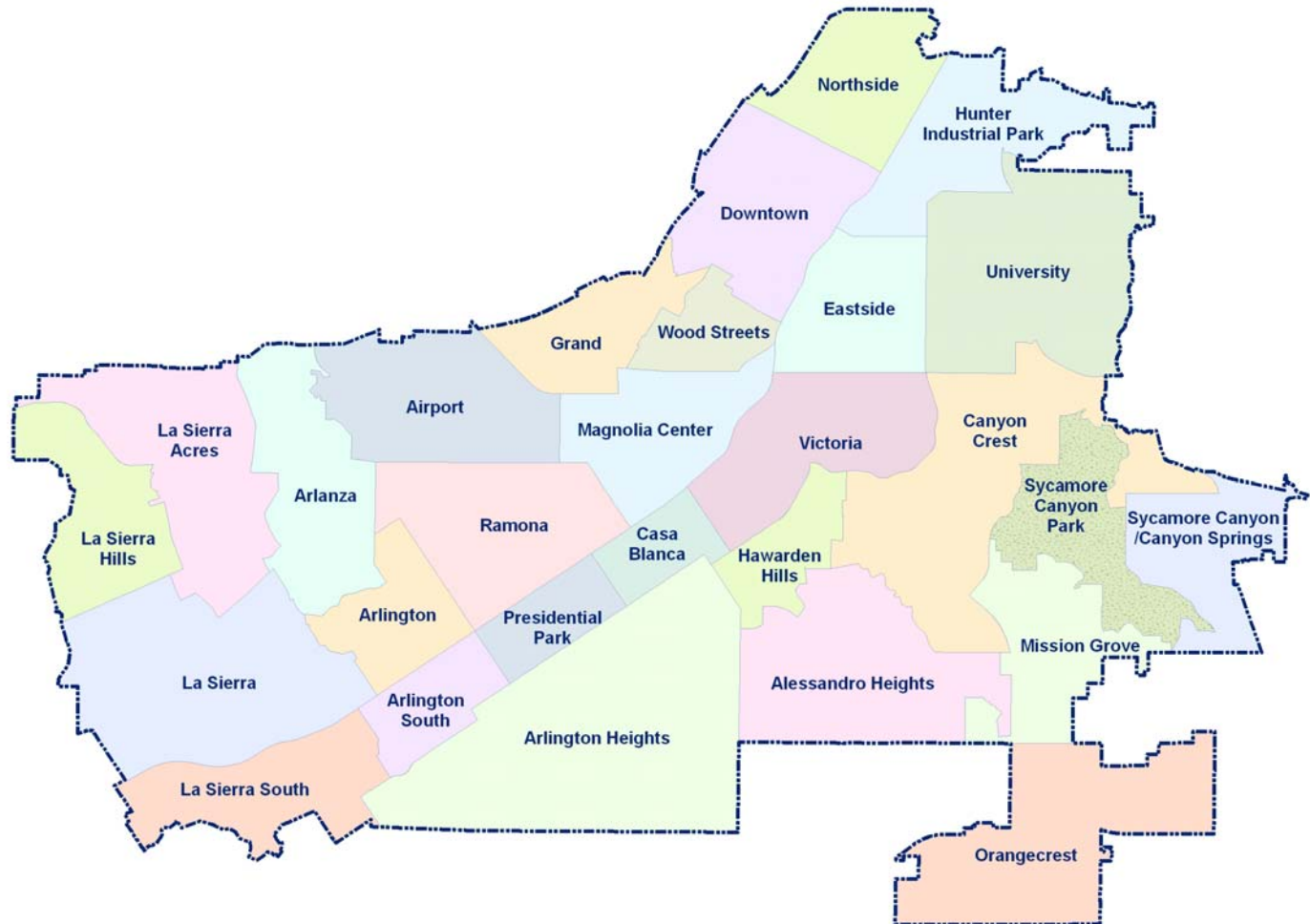
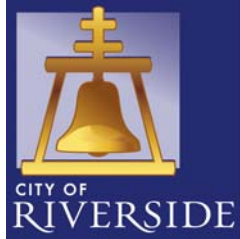


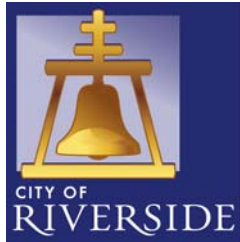
WHY ORGANIZE?

- ✓ ***To build relationships with neighbors***
- ✓ ***To create a unified voice at City Hall***
- ✓ ***To strengthen neighborhood communications***
- ✓ ***To accomplish neighborhood goals most effectively.***



Riverside's Neighborhoods in Review



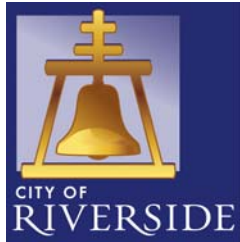


Types of Neighborhood Organizations

- Neighborhood Organizations/Block Clubs
- Neighborhood Watch groups
- “Umbrella” Neighborhood Organizations
- Homeowners’ Associations

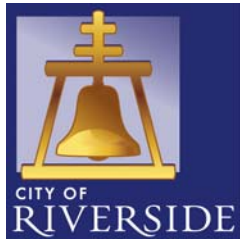
Orange Street Neighborhood Watch which is located within Heritage Square Neighborhood Association





Riverside Neighborhood Organizations

- Riverside Neighborhood Partnership
- 8 “umbrella groups”
 - DANA
 - Northside Improvement Association
 - Historic Wood Streets Neighborhood Association
 - Grand Neighborhood Alliance!!! (New 2008)
 - University Neighborhood Association
 - Eastside Neighborhood Forum (Councilmember hosts)
 - Sycamore Highlands Community Action Group
 - Casa Blanca Community Action Group
- 43 active smaller neighborhood groups; 100 inactive



Models of Success!

■ **D.A.N.A – Downtown Area Neighborhood Alliance**



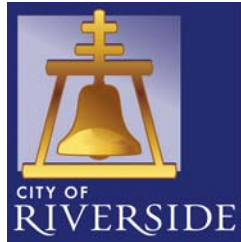
DANA

Downtown Area Neighborhood Alliance

MISSION STATEMENT

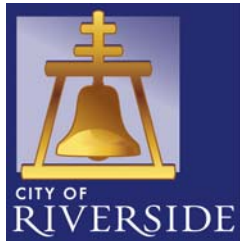
Our mission is to preserve, enhance and protect the Riverside downtown area and to provide a grassroots forum for the concerns and ideas of downtown residents, groups, business owners and local government representatives.

Our organization is committed to delivering the voice of the downtown community to local government and organizations for the purpose of ensuring quality living, encouraging appropriate commercial and residential development, insuring preservation of the diverse architectural heritage within the downtown neighborhoods, enhancing the safety and security of its residents and properties and building community cohesiveness.



DOWNTOWN AREA NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE

- Neighborhood “umbrella” Association
 - Membership
 - Who else attends
 - Meetings
 - Mission Statement
 - Bylaws
 - Officers/Elections
 - Fundraising
 - Neighborhood Improvement Projects/Advocacy
 - Events
 - FUN!!!



Neighborhood Walkabout flyer - DANA

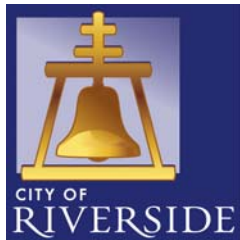
***Join your Neighbors for a
“Neighborhood Walk-About”
with officers of the
RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT***

WHEN? Thursday, September 8, 2005

WHERE? Meet at corner of 2nd and Orange Streets

WHY? Join RPD and fellow neighbors committed to making our Downtown neighborhood clean and safe! We will be walking in the Heritage Square Historic District area.

Come help show solidarity against crime and blight!



Models of Success (cont'd.)

Sycamore Highlands Community Action Group

Summer 2006

Presented by the Sycamore Highlands Community Action Group

Sycamore Highlands Community Action Group Representatives

Tom Jones, Chairman
 Maureen Clements, Co-Chairperson
 Joe Villacorta, Vice Chairperson
 Deborah Ladd, Secretary
 Kathy Snow, Treasurer
 Alex Garry, Council Road Area
 Joe Bolen, E. Sutherland Area
 David Cline, Bonwell Area
 John Dehan, Newletter
 Michael D'Agostino, Altaville Area
 Jyl Morris, Appleton Area
 Jesse & April Valenzuela, Sutherland
 Jaime Hartado, Haddington
 Danny Cwik, Haddington
 Luis Echeverria, Appleton Rd.

Sycamore Highlands Community Action Group Contact Information

6012 Abernathy Dr.
 Riverside, CA 92507
 Ph: (951) 369-3510
 E-Mail: www.SycamoreHighlands.com

Mission Statement:
 The Sycamore Highlands Community Action Group is committed to residents who live in Sycamore Highlands and are dedicated to the welfare of our community. We encourage our neighbors to participate in any way they can to make our neighborhood a safe and beautiful place to live and suggest any tangible improvements that can be made. Our mission is to build a community by connecting neighbors to improve the health and safety of all residents and have a community that contributes their existing skills, resources and volunteer time plus support the Sycamore Highlands Community Action Group.

**4th of July
Community Get-Together**

4:00 p.m.— 9:00 p.m.

Sycamore Highlands Park

Cake Walk

Basketball Shootout

Frisbee Toss

Balloon Toss

Softball Toss

What better way to celebrate
FREE EVENT! FREE FUN!!!

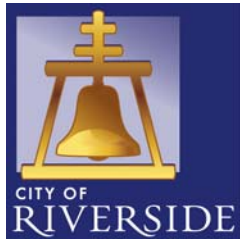
than to join with our neighbors for a day in the park. Your Sycamore Highlands Community Action Group will be sponsoring games and some refreshments.

So gather up the kids, the neighbors, your relatives, pack your picnic basket with Chicken and salads or whatever suits your appetites and join us at the park. Bring along your frisbee's, kites, basketballs and baseballs and take full advantage of our first big party at our wonderful park.

Hope to see you there!



Neighborhoods That Work Award 2006
 Finalist, NeighborhoodsUSA 2006



Models of Success (cont'd.)

Beatty Drive Neighbors



Beatty Drive Neighbors with
Emergency Preparedness Bags.

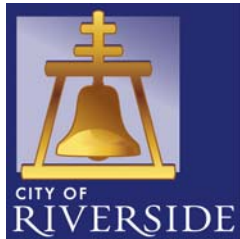


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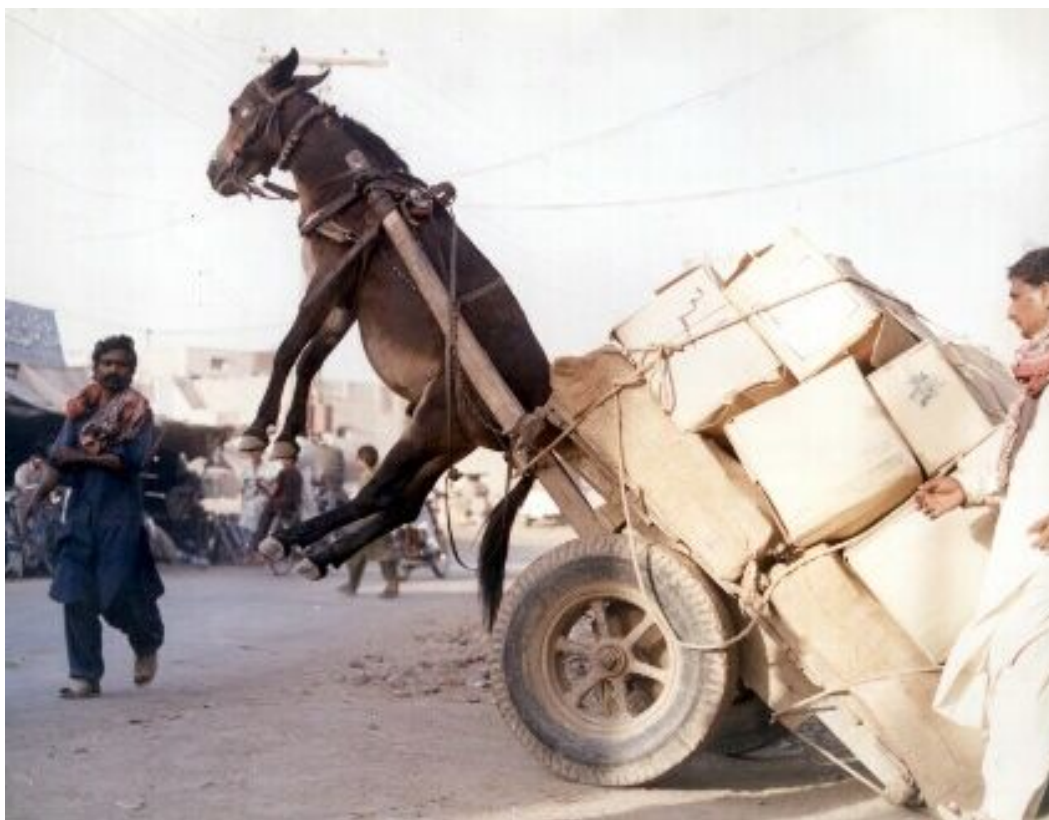
Enclosed in each bag:

- Telephone Tree Directory - Head of household
- Combo whistle/flashlight
- Notepad
- Pen
- Guide to Disaster Preparedness

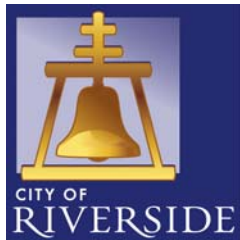


Worksheet: Organizing your first meeting!

No. 1: Find at least two neighbors to help!



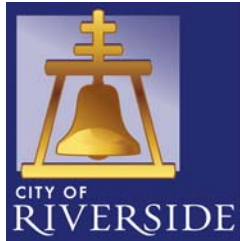
1. _____ 2. _____



Worksheet: Organizing your first meeting!

- **No. 2: What will be the “hook?”**
 - ✓ *Burning issues in neighborhood*
 - ✓ *Neighborhood survey/inventory*
 - ✓ *Block party/social event (Session III: block party planning)*

- **No. 3: Pre-meeting of organizing team**
 - ✓ Where? When?
 - ✓ Agenda
 - Purpose of neighborhood meeting – hook to use
 - Identify neighborhood boundaries
 - Brainstorm possible names for neighborhood group
 - Plan larger neighborhood meeting

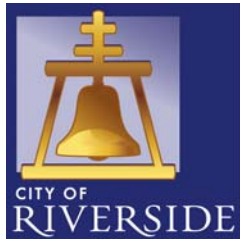


Worksheet:

Organizing your first meeting!

No. 3, Pre-meeting of organizing team, continued

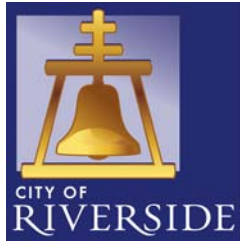
- ✓ Select a meeting leader
- ✓ Select a meeting space, date, time
- ✓ Getting the word out
 - Flyers (See samples)
 - Email
 - One-on-one
 - Other . . .
- ✓ Refreshments!



First Meeting Tools

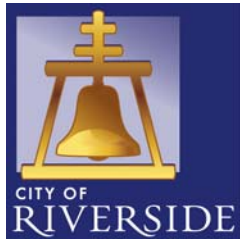
- **Sign-in Sheet**
 - *Paper, pen, clipboard*
- **Agenda (See samples)**
 - *Make copies*
- **Name Tags**
- **Refreshments**
 - *Cookies, potluck*





AGENDA ITEMS

- Welcome and introductions
 - Mention length of meeting
- Icebreakers
- Purpose of meeting
- Discussion or action items
- Next steps – ***ACTION!***
- Future agenda items
 - Organization name
 - Bylaws and mission
 - Election of officers
 - Other. . . .
- Next meeting date, place, time!



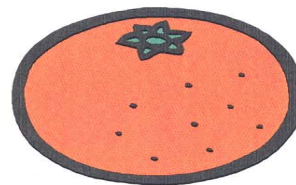
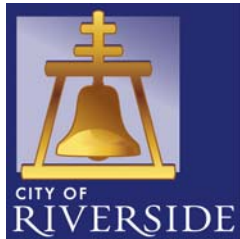
Victoria Block Club

Meeting Agenda

March 15, 2005

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Purpose of Meeting
3. Discussion
4. Where should we go from here?
5. Future Agenda Item ideas: Plan a block party, walking club presentation, Meeting schedule, Block Club Captain, etc.
6. Next meeting/Adjournment





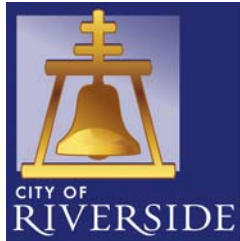
Orange Street Neighbors

Monday, March 15, 2005

7:00 pm

Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Icebreaker
3. Purpose of Meeting
4. Round Robin Discussion
5. Next Steps
6. Future Agenda Items:
 - a. Name of Group
 - b. Bylaws
 - i. Establish Bylaws subcommittee
7. Next meeting/Adjournment

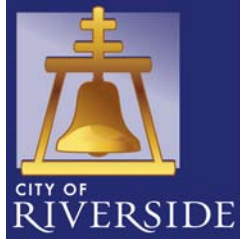


Neighborhood Support

- **Riverside Neighborhood Partnership**
 - Assistance with first meetings
 - Guidance and support
 - Brainstorming ideas and problem solving
 - Monthly RNP meetings (First Mondays, 6:30, 7th floor, City Hall)

- **Development Department - Housing and Neighborhoods Division/Arts and Cultural Affairs Division**
 - Neighborhood Organizing Toolkit
 - Neighborhood Matching Grants
 - Neighborhood Newsletter Minigrant
 - Leadership training
 - Annual Neighborhood Conference
 - Annual Leadership Academy – see application in folder
 - Event Planning (Arts and Cultural Affairs for block party special events permit)

Keep the Neighborhood Spirit Alive!



QUESTIONS?